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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

68. (AMENDED) A system according to claim 49, wherein said document distribution module provides a copy of the document as signed to at least one additional party concerned by said electronic document.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to correct a numerical error from claim 68.


Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

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MARKED-UP VERSION

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60. A system according to claim 49, wherein said process log comprises reconstruction data for allowing the reconstruction of the signing of the document as executed by said user.

5 61. A system according to claim 49, wherein said process log module comprises means for generating a secure process authentication code uniquely representing said process log, and embedding said secure process authentication code in said document as signed, thereby securely associating said process log and document.

10 62. A system according to claim 61, wherein said means to generate a secure process authentication code comprise a hash module.

63. A system according to claim 49, further comprising an audit trail module for providing an audit trail of the signing of the document in said document as signed.

15 64. A system according to claim 63, wherein said audit trail includes a secure document authentication code uniquely representing said document as signed.

20 65. A system according to claim 64, wherein the document authentication code is a hash of said document as signed.

25 66. A system according to claim 49, wherein the document approval module comprises means for embedding a document authentication code uniquely representing the document as signed inside said document.

67. A system according to claim 49, wherein said document distribution module comprises means for transmitting a copy of the document as signed to the user.

30 68. A system according to "claim 69, wherein said document distribution module provides a copy of the document as signed to at least one additional party concerned by said electronic document.

--- CLAIM 49 ---